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1. (U) CLASSIFIED BY POLITICAL OFFICER ANDREW T. HINTZ FOR
REASON 1.5(D).

2. (C) SUMMARY: "TIME" MAGAZINE REPORTS DETAILING DETAINED
AL-QAEDA SOUTHEAST ASIA REPRESENTATIVE OMAR AL FARUQ
ACTIVITIES IN INDONESIA AND IDENTIFYING JEMAAH ISLAMIYAH
LEADER ABU BAKAR BA'ASYIR AS THE LEADER OF A TERROR NETWORK
HAVE GARNERED MIXED REVIEWS LOCALLY. SECURITY COORDINATING
MINISTER YUDHOYONO PUBLICLY CONFIRMED AL FARUQ'S ARREST, BUT
SEVERAL PROMINENT OPINION MAKERS REACTED WITH SKEPTICISM TO
REVELATIONS OF TERRORIST CELLS IN INDONESIA AND PLOTS TO KILL
PRESIDENT MEGAWATI. POLICE ANNOUNCED SEPTEMBER 18 THE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
REVIEW AUTHORITY: SHARON E AHMAD
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DETENTION OF ANOTHER SUSPECTED AL-QAEDA MEMBER, ABU DAUD, A GERMAN NATIONAL OF ARAB DESCENT LINKED TO AL FARUQ WHO REPORTEDLY POSSESSED DOCUMENTS RELATING TO VIOLENCE IN INDONESIA. EVENTS PROMPTED MEGAWATI TO CALL A CLOSED-DOOR MEETING OF HER SECURITY CABINET LATER THAT DAY.

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END SUMMARY.

A "TIMELY" DEBATE

3. (SBU) REVELATIONS IN THE SEPTEMBER 15 ISSUE OF "TIME" MAGAZINE OF AL QAEDA CELLS IN INDONESIA AND THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN AT LEAST TWO ATTEMPTS TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT MEGAWATI SOEKARNOPUTRI HAVE AROUSED INTENSE COVERAGE IN INDONESIA. EXCERPTS OF THE TIME ARTICLE CITING A CIA REPORT ON THE ARREST IN INDONESIA AND SUBSEQUENT ADMISSIONS OF ACKNOWLEDGED AL QAEDA'S SOUTHEAST ASIA REPRESENTATIVE OMAR AL FARUQ WERE PUBLISHED IN MAJOR LOCAL DAILIES, BUT WERE NOT READILY ACCEPTED BY SEVERAL PROMINENT OPINION MAKERS -- DESPITE THE ARREST'S HAVING BEEN CONFIRMED BY BOTH POLITICAL AND SECURITY COORDINATING MINISTER SUSILO BAMBANG YUDHOYONO AND MILITARY COMMANDER ENDRIARTONO SUTARTO. THE LATTER ALSO AFFIRMED INDICATIONS OF AN AL-QAEDA PRESENCE IN INDONESIA.

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MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT'S FOREIGN AND SECURITY AFFAIRS COMMISSION (COMMISSION I) SUGGESTED THAT THE ALLEGED CIA REPORT WAS FALSE. ECHOING LESS REPUTABLE OBSERVERS LIKE ISLAMIC DEFENDERS FRONT (FPI) CHIEF HABIB RIZIEQ, FORMER CHAIR YASRIL ANANTA BAHARUDDIN OPINED SEPTEMBER 18 THAT THE ALLEGED REPORT WAS PURPOSELY DISTORTED TO "RUIN" PRESIDENT MEGAWATI, SAYING THAT THE AGENCY WOULD DO ANYTHING TO WIN

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SUPPORT. YASRIL'S POSITION WAS BOLSTERED BY FELLOW
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COMMISSION I MEMBER PERMADI, A MEMBER OF PRESIDENT'S OWN
PARTY, WHO ALSO EXPRESSED DOUBTS ABOUT THE VERACITY OF THE
REPORT DURING A TELEVISED INTERVIEW LATER THAT DAY. THIS
CAME DESPITE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (BIN) CHIEF
HENDROPRIYONO TESTIFYING BEFORE COMMISSION I ON SEPTEMBER 18
STRESSING THE SERIOUS NATURE OF THE ALLEGATIONS AND THE
THREAT TO INDONESIA FROM AL-QAEDA, ACCORDING TO A BIN
ADVISOR.

5. (SBU) INDONESIA'S MORE RADICAL ELEMENTS ALSO CONTINUED TO
DISMISS THE REPORTS. FRONT HIZBULLAH SECRETARY GENERAL NOVAL
DUNGGIO DISMISSED THE ACCOUNT AS "CHEAP U.S. PROPAGANDA," AND
SUGGESTED THAT INDONESIA WAS KOWTOWING TO THE UNITED STATES.
HE CONTENDED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN COMPELLED BY THE
U.S. TO MAKE ARRESTS, SUGGESTING FURTHER THAT COORDINATING
MINISTER YUDHOYONO WAS A U.S. LACKEY KEEN TO PRESENT INDONESIA
AS THE UNITED STATES' "GOLDEN SON."

6. (C) AL FARUQ'S WIFE ALSO WEIGHED IN. DURING A TELEVISED
INTERVIEW SEPTEMBER 18, THE FULLY VEILED MIRA AGUSTINA FLATLY
DENIED CHARGES THAT HER HUSBAND WAS A TERRORIST. NOTING THAT
HER HUSBAND'S NAME WAS ACTUALLY MAHMUD BIN AHMAD ASSEGAF --

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SHE CLAIMED AL FARUQ WAS A NAME RESERVED FOR A FUTURE SON --
SHE ARGUED THAT HER HUSBAND WAS AT HOME OF THE TIME OF THE
2000 CHRISTMAS EVE BOMBING CAMPAIGN THAT HE WAS ACCUSED OF
MASTERMINDING. SHE ALSO ADDED THAT HER HUSBAND WAS NOT
KUWAITI, AS HAS BEEN WIDELY REPORTED, BUT A NATIVE OF AMBON
ADOPTED BY A KUWAITI FAMILY.

SURVEY SAYS: INDONESIANS DIVIDED

7. (SBU) DESPITE THE LARGELY NEGATIVE TONE EXPRESSED BY
NATIONAL OPINION MAKERS, MANY ORDINARY INDONESIANS WERE LESS
INCLINED TO DISMISS THE AUTHENTICITY OF REPORTED CIA
INFORMATION. MEDIA INDONESIA ON SEPTEMBER 19 ANNOUNCED THE
RESULTS OF A TELEPHONE SURVEY THAT ASKED VIEWERS THE NIGHT
BEFORE WHETHER THEY FOUND THE REPORTS CREDIBLE. OF THE 889
RESPONDENTS, 53.9 PERCENT ANSWERED IN THE NEGATIVE, WHILE
44.5 PERCENT SAID THEY BELIEVED THE REPORTS. ONLY 1.6
PERCENT EVINCED NO OPINION.

THEN CAME DAUD

8. (SBU) INDONESIAN NATIONAL POLICE (INP) ON SEPTEMBER 18
ANNOUNCED THE SEPTEMBER 16 ARREST ON IMMIGRATION CHARGES OF
AN UNIDENTIFIED GERMAN NATIONAL OF ARAB DESCENT WHO THEY SAID
WAS LINKED TO AL FARUQ. ALTHOUGH INP COMMANDER GEN. DA'I
BACHTIAR INITIALLY DECLINED TO IDENTIFY THE SUSPECT -- LATER
IDENTIFIED IN THE MEDIA AS ABU DAUD -- HE NOTED THE DETAINEE
POSSESSED MANY ALIASES AND IS ON A CIA TERRORIST WATCH LIST.
DA'I ALSO REVEALED THAT A SEARCH OF DAUD'S HOME HAD REVEALED

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DOCUMENTS LINKING HIM TO PAST ACTS OF VIOLENCE IN INDONESIA.
THE INP CHIEF ALSO NOTED THAT DAUD HAD BEEN HELD AT AN

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IMMIGRATION DETENTION FACILITY, WHERE HE WAS BEING RIGOROUSLY INTERROGATED. ALTHOUGH NEWS OF THE ARREST BROUGHT LITTLE RESPONSE FROM POLITICAL COMMENTATORS, PRESIDENT MEGAWATI CALLED A SEPTEMBER 18 LATE-AFTERNOON MEETING OF HER SECURITY CABINET AT HER OFFICIAL RESIDENCE FOLLOWING THE ANNOUNCEMENT.

THE TWO-AND-HALF HOUR CLOSED-DOOR SESSION WAS ATTENDED BY COORDINATING MINISTER YUDHOYONO, JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS MINISTER YUSRIL IZHA MAHENDRA, INP COMMANDER DA'I, ARMED FORCES COMMANDER SUTARTO, AND BIN CHIEF HENDROPRIYONO.

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